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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the following project:

**PROJECT:** North City Water Reclamation System Project The City of San Diego operates the North City Water Reclamation Plant (NCWRP) located at Miramar Road and Interstate (I)-805. The Plant provides recycled water to the City of San Diego's Northern Service Area, which includes the area north of State Route 52 to the City's northern boundary, and from the coast to the City's eastern boundary at the City of Poway. The City of San Diego has water reuse goals established by the Ocean Pollution Reduction Act of 1994 (OPRA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assistance Agreement. Under OPRA, the City of San Diego obtained a waiver from Section 301(h) of the federal Clean Water Act, which included a commitment to provide a water reuse system capacity of 45 million gallons per day (mgd) by 2010. In addition, the EPA established conditions that the City of San Diego beneficially reuse 25 percent of the flows treated at NCWRP by the end of 2003, and 50 percent of those flows by the end of 2010 in exchange for financial assistance for construction of the NCWRP. These two water reuse goals require a substantial expansion of the existing recycled water distribution system in the City. The proposed North City Water Reclamation System would expand the distribution system for recycled water through the City's northern communities and ultimately provide an additional 12 mgd of anticipated demand for recycled water, allowing the City to achieve its water reuse goals.

Currently, the distribution system from NCWRP extends generally east to I-15 and west to Torrey Pines. Any excess recycled water is returned to the wastewater collection system for ocean disposal via the Point Loma Treatment Plant. Expansion of recycled water distribution capabilities in the Northern Service Area is an integral part of the City's plan to meet their water reuse goals. Plans to expand distribution of recycled water from NCWRP are divided into three phases. Phase I would expand the distribution system generally north of MCAS Miramar to Black Mountain Ranch and the Olivenhain Water District. Phase II would extend west from Black Mountain Road toward Carmel Valley, and Phase III would extend the system east of I-15 into Carmel Mountain. Facilities associated with Phase I include a 24-inch diameter, 11,000-foot long pipeline along Black Mountain Road, north of Twin Trails Drive in the Penasquitos Ranch Community, an 8.64 mgd below-ground pump station within the Canyonside Community Park, and a three million gallon capacity reservoir at Black Mountain. These facilities are currently in the design and engineering process. Phases II and III are planned for future construction and remain conceptual in nature. Accordingly, facilities associated with Phase I will be evaluated at a project level within the Program

EIR, while facilities proposed as part of Phases II and III will be evaluated at a program level and subject to future CEQA evaluation. Applicant: City of San Diego Water Department, Capital Improvements Program.

LDR NO.: 41-0645

SCH: Pending

Based on an Initial Study, it appears that the project may result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: Geology/Soils, Air Quality, Hydrology/Water Quality, Biology, Land Use, Recreational Resources, Transportation/Circulation, Public Services, Neighborhood Character/Aesthetics, Historical Resources, and Paleontological Resources.

For more information or to provide comments on the scope and content of the draft EIR, contact the following person at the address above: Nicole McGinnis, Associate Planner, (619) 446-5423.

Written comments on the scope and content of the draft EIR must be sent to the above address by no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding.

Attachments: Figure 1 Regional Location Map  
Figure 2 Reclamation System Plan  
Scoping Letter

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Carmel Valley Community Planning Board

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